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29 Arrests Made During Holiday High Visibility Enforcement Detail

The Beaverton Police Department participated in a National Traffic Safety Campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers during the weeks of the Christmas Holiday. This High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) ran from December 13th to January 2nd, 2013.

During this time the Beaverton Police Department had officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign was to save lives and educate the motoring public about the dangers of driving impaired.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol or using any other substance that impairs your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

During this HVE event Beaverton Police Officers arrested 29 individuals for driving while being impaired either by alcohol or controlled substances. These are 29 individuals who had the potential to cause series injury or death to themselves or other innocent people that were stopped. The hope is that these individuals can get the assistance they might need to stop this behavior and make our community safer.

Impaired driving is not an accident; it is an intentional and willing act that you have control over. Drunk driving is often a symptom of a larger problem: alcohol misuse and abuse. Alcohol-impaired motor vehicle crashes cost more than an estimated \$37 billion annually. In 2010, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired crashes – one every 51 minutes.

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